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**Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude  
 Tower Bells and Welcome  
 Announcements

*Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the "Welcome" side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors.*

*Worship Notes: Face covering must be used at all times. The congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering.*

Opening Hymn

*Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*

**LSB 812**

1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
 With angels round the throne;  
 Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
 But all their joys are one.

3 Jesus is worthy to receive  
 Honor and pow'r divine;  
 And blessings more than we can give  
 Be, Lord, forever Thine.

2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,  
 "To be exalted thus!"  
 "Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,  
 "For He was slain for us!"

4 Let all creation join in one  
 To bless the sacred name  
 Of Him who sits upon the throne  
 And to adore the Lamb.

Confession and Absolution (*Congregation Stands*)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy**

**on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

### Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 70

1 Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

**O LORD, make haste to help me!**

2 Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!

**Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!**

3 Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"

**4 May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!**

**May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**

5 But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

**You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**All: Lord God, Heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Amos 5:18-24 (*Congregation sits*)

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light,  
19 as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.  
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?  
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.

23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

24 But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13 (*Stand*)

1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn

*Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*

**LSB 663**

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;  
From your sleep awaken!  
Be not by the evil day  
Unawares o'ertaken;  
For the foe, Well we know,  
Is a harvest reaping  
While the saints are sleeping.

2 Watch against the devil's snares  
Lest asleep he find you;  
For indeed no pains he spares  
To deceive and blind you.  
Satan's prey Oft are they  
Who secure are sleeping  
And no watch are keeping.

3 Watch! Let not the wicked world  
With its lies defeat you  
Lest with bold deceptions hurled  
It betray and cheat you.  
Watch and see Lest there be  
Faithless friends to charm you,  
Who but seek to harm you.

4 Watch against yourself, my soul,  
Lest with grace you trifle;  
Let not self your thoughts control  
Nor God's mercy stifle.  
Pride and sin Lurk within,  
All your hopes to shatter;  
Heed not when they flatter.

5 But while watching, also pray  
To the Lord unceasing.  
God protects you day by day,  
Strength and faith increasing,  
So that still Mind and will  
Shall unite to serve Him  
And forever love Him.

Sermon "Watching and Praying under Jesus' Protection" Matthew 25

Apostles' Creed (*Congregation stands*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

Lord, You are our help and deliverer and to You we bring the prayers and petitions of Your people, that You may grant to us all things good and needful and guard us against all things evil and harmful. *Brief silence*

That the Lord would grant us wisdom and courage, that we may be prepared at all times to receive Him when He comes in His glory and that we may not be distracted by earthly glories that fade away or disillusioned by earthly disappointments, which will come to an end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord would give courage to all pastors as they preach and teach the Word of the Lord, that all those who hear may believe, and that believing, they may live in righteousness and godliness before the world and be kept to the day when Christ returns as Lord and Judge of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the governments of the world and our leaders would act with divine justice and mercy, that we may be spared war and violence, and that we may use the gift of liberty and the abundant blessings the Lord has poured out on our land to His glory and to benefit all people, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord would give aid and comfort to the sick, the suffering and those in their last days, that He may grant healing according to His will and strength to bear up under the weight of loneliness or affliction, [*we pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_,*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may be ready to receive the Lord when He comes again in glory, that the Lord may open the hearts of those who have wandered away from the faith, and that the Lord may restore those caught up in error's maze, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**That the Lord may hear and answer the prayers of His people and that we may be content with His answer, trusting in His Fatherly will and wisdom to grant us all that we need and all that will profit our salvation, let us pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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*Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Martin Luther's Morning Prayer

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction for the Service of the Word

O Lord, hear my prayer.           **And let my cry come to You.**  
Let us bless the Lord.           **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.

5 Abide with Your protection  
Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.

4 Abide with richest blessings  
Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through Your Word.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing,  
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1. Watch – What distracts our keeping watch for Jesus?

- Not knowing Jesus' teaching
- False teachers and prophets saying things about God that are not true.
- Earthly kingdoms pretending to be God's kingdom

2. Pray – What is our praying about?

- Based on God's Word
- For our neighbor

3. Jesus protection for His people. John 10 25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."